

SAM HOUSTON



NCAA Division I Women's Golf Regionals • 2022

BEARKATS RETURN TO REGIONALS FOR THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON

For the first time in program history, the Sam Houston women's program has received an at-large bid to the NCAA Golf Championships.

The Bearkats, who finished runner up at the WAC Championship, received the No. 10 seed in the Albuquerque Regional.

Led by WAC Player of the Year Jennifer Herbst, the Bearkats finished the regular season as the No. 57 ranked team in the country in the GolfStat rankings and No. 59 in the Golfweek/Sagarin ratings.

"This is recognition for not only what we have done as a program this year, but also for what we have done over the last four years," said head coach Brandt Kieschnick. "This has been a process that we started building several years ago. We wanted to be in a position that we could make the NCAA Regionals no matter what happened in our conference championship. So much credit goes to (coaches) Tommy Chain and Jenna Young for the work they have put in to getting the team here."

This is the third straight season the Bearkats have advanced to the NCAA Regionals, but they haven't actually played in a regional since 2019. The 2020 championship was cancelled because of the pandemic and last season's regional in Baton Rouge was rained out.

The Bearkats first participated in the NCAA Regionals in 2019 where they finished 16th out of 18 teams at the Norman Regional. Last season Hanna Alberto qualified for one of the three individual spots advancing from the Baton Rouge Regional based on her GolfStat ranking.

BEARKATS DOMINATE ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

Sophomore **Jennifer Herbst** was named the **WAC Player of the Year**, while the Kats placed three on the first team. The Bearkats were the only school to place three golfers on the first team.

Herbst earns the honors after leading the WAC in stroke average throughout the season, finishing with a 71.87 average through 30 rounds. In addition, she boasted the top round of the 2022 WAC Championship, firing a 4-under-par 68 in the final round to tie for third among individuals.

Joining Herbst on the **All-WAC First Team** are teammates **Zulaikah Nasser** and **Leah Alberto**. Nasser finished in a tie for 13th at the WAC Championship while Alberto finished 16th.

Nasser has a 72.87 stroke average over 30 competitive rounds this season. She recorded four top 10 finishes while winning two tournaments.

Alberto posted a 75.15 average over 33 competitive rounds with a low round of 70. Three times she finished in the top 10 with a third place finish at HBU.

2021-22 Schedule and Results

Date	Tournament	Host	Site	Finish
Sept. 4-6	USA Intercollegiate	South Alabama	Magnolia Grove GC	1st
Sept. 20-21	Sunflower Invitational	Kansas State	Colbert Hills GC	1st
Sept. 27-28	Bearkat Invitational	Sam Houston	Elkins Lake GC	1st
Oct. 11-12	Dale McNamara Invnt	Tulsa	Golf Club of Okla	4th
Oct. 25-26	Palmetto Intercollegiate	Coll of Charleston	Kiawah Island Resort	3rd
Feb. 7-8	Texas State Invitational	Texas State	Plum Creek GC	6th
Feb 28-Mar 1	The Gold Rush	Long Beach State	Old Ranch CC	7th
March 7-8	UNF Collegiate	North Florida	Jacksonville GC	4th
March 14-15	Husky Invitational	Houston Baptist	Riverbend CC	INDVs
April 5-6	Maryb S. Kauth Invnt	UTSA	San Antonio CC	1st
April 18-20	WAC Championship	WAC	Riverhill CC/Kerville Tx	2nd

University Facts

Location	Huntsville, Texas
Enrollment	20,477
Founded	1879
President	Dr. Alisa White
Director of Athletics	Bobby Williams
Nickname	Bearkats
Colors	Orange and white
Conference	Western Athletic

Quick Facts

GolfStat Ranking	57
Head Coach	Brandt Kieschnick (Sam Houston, 1999)
Seasons as head coach	10th
NCAA Regional Appearances	3rd
Last Regional Appearance	2021
2021-22 Season Tournament Titles	4
Most Recent	Maryb Kauth Invitational
Season Scoring Average	295.17
Low Team Round	274
Low Team 54 Hole Score	833 (-31)
Individual Medalists	2 (Jennifer Herbst; Zulaikah Nasser two times)

Roster

NAME	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREV SCHOOL)
Leah Alberto	5-3	Jr.	Kingwood (Kingwood Park HS)
Cari Denson	5-2	Fr.	Hankamer (Southeast Christian HS)
Audrey Haddad	5-6	Gr.	Geneva, Switzerland (UTEP)
Jennifer Herbst	5-7	So.	Perth, Australia (Kingsway Christian College)
Zulaikah Nasser	5-1	So.	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (Oneness Academy)
Viera Permata Rosada	5-1	So.	Jakarta, Indonesia (SMAN 4 Terbuka Depok)
Anna Takahashi	5-5	So.	Grapevine (Grapevine HS)

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PAST NCAA RESULTS

Regionals

Team Results

Year	Location	Scores	Total	Finish
2019	Norman, Okla.	300-316-302	918	16th Place
2021	Baton Rouge, La.	(Event inexplicably cancelled)		

Individual Results

Year	Golfer	Scores	Total	Finish
2019	Hanna Alberto	73-78-70	221	T42nd
2019	Jenna Phillips	75-82-75	232	T76th
2019	Kenlie Barrett	73-81-78	232	T76th
2019	Leah Alberto	79-75-79	233	T79th
2019	Tori Gatling	91-86-84	261	96th

NCAA Championships

Individual Results

2021	Grayhawk Golf Club - Scottsdale, Ariz.			
	Hanna Alberto	73-79-79	231	T109th



BRANDT KIESCHNICK

Sam Houston Head Coach

10th Season
2 Conference Championships

A former standout as a member of the Bearkat Golf Team (1995-1999), Head Coach Brandt Kieschnick took over the SHSU Golf Program on August 1, 2012 and has brought the winning tradition to the program.

Under the direction of Kieschnick, the Bearkats claimed the women's Southland Conference Championships for the first time since 2007 when they won the league in 2019. They added a third title in 2021. The 2019 league title also earned the Bearkats their first trip to the NCAA Championships in program history.

Prior to returning to his alma mater, Kieschnick played professional golf from 1999-2003 competing on the Adams Tight Lies Tour, Hooters Tour, Teardrop Tour, and Prairie Tour. In 1999, Kieschnick claimed the season-ending Prairie Tour Championship in Alvarado, Kansas. He recorded several top-10 finishes on the professional circuit including a third place finish in his first pro event at the 1999 Adams Tight Lies Tour event at Weston Lakes. He participated in three PGA Tour Qualifying Schools advancing to second stage in 2001 and followed the Monday qualifiers on both PGA Tour and Web.com Tour.

After professional golf, he became the assistant golf coach at Sam Houston from 2003-2005 where he led the women's team to three team victories and their first Southland Conference Championship in 2004.

As a Bearkat Golfer, Kieschnick ranks second at SHSU with five career tournament victories including three wins his senior season ('99 Southland Championship Co-Medalist, 1998 Baylor Invitational, and 1998 SFA Crown Classic). Along with his 1999 Southland Conference Individual medalist title and he was Southland Conference individual runner-up in 1996 and 1997.

Kieschnick holds a school record for being the only two-time Southland Conference "Player of the Year" in 1997 and 1999 as well as being the only two-time Division-1 NCAA Regional individual selection. Kieschnick competed at the NCAA Central Regional hosted by University of Oklahoma at the Jimmie Austin Golf Club in 1997 and at the NCAA Central Region hosted by Ohio State at the OSU Scarlet Course in 1999.

Kieschnick is one of only three men's golfers in Sam Houston history to earn All-Southland honors each of his four years of competition (1996-1999) with a school record of three first-team selections (1996, 1997, 1999) and one second-team selection (1998).



HERBST SHOOTS SCHOOL RECORD 65, TWICE

Only twice in program history has a golfer shot 65 in a competitive round. Both times were this season and both times it was sophomore Jennifer Herbst who fired the school-record mark.

The previous best of 66 had been shot by four different golfers, including Herbst in season opening event.

Her first 65 was in the final round of the Texas State Invitational.

She played a near flawless round, going bogey free with seven birdies on the day. Her best stretch was on the back-9 with four birdies in a five-hole span.

At the Maryb S. Kauth Invitational Herbst got her day off to a blistering start at the Par 72 San Antonio Country Club. She birdied No. 2 and then moved to 3-under on the day with an eagle on No. 5. After a birdie on No. 7, she carded her second eagle of the day on the par 4 No. 8.

Herbst made the turn at 6-under. A birdie on No. 13 moved her to 7-under and she closed out her bogey-free round with 5 pars.

2021-22 Sam Houston State Bearkats



LEAH ALBERTO
Junior Kingwood, Texas



JENNIFER HERBST
Sophomore Perth, Australia



ZULAIKAH NASSER
Sophomore Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



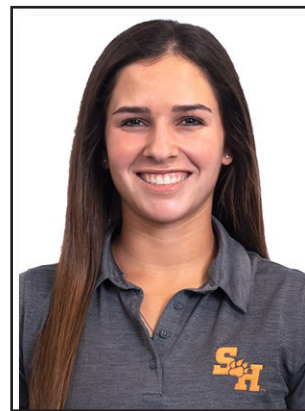
VIERA PERMATA ROSADA
Sophomore Jakarta, Indonesia



ANNA TAKAHASHI
Sophomore Grapevine, Texas



Audrey Haddad
Graduate Geneva, Switzerland



CARI DENSON
Freshman Hankamer, Texas

Meet The Bearkats

Leah Alberto

Junior

5-foot-3

Kingwood, Texas (Park High School)

Season Highlights

- **1st Team All-WAC**
- Best finish of the season was third at the HBU Husky Invitational.
- Finished tied for 16th at the Western Athletic Conference Championships
- Shot par or better seven times this season
- Shot season-low round of 70 twice this season.
- Three top 10 finishes



Career Stats

Season	Rounds	Average	Low Rd	Top Finish
2018-19	24	79.13	74	15th
2019-20	18	75.39	70	T-2nd
2020-21	21	75.19	68	1st
2021-22	33	75.15	70	3rd
Career Totals	99	76.20	68	1st

2021-22 Results

Tournament	Place	Rd Scores	Total
USA Intercollegiate	T 25	75 73 71	219
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invit	T 5	76 76 70	222
Huntsville Toyota Bearkat Inv	T 22	75 77 73	225
Dale MacNamara Invitational	T 31	76 72 77	225
Palmetto Intercollegiate	T 28	71 74 77	222
Texas State Invitational	T 32	73 79 80	232
The Gold Rush	T 45	81 76 82	239
UNF Collegiate	T 19	76 75 70	221
HBU Husky Invitational	T 3	75 78 71	224
Maryb S. Kauth Invitational	T 6	73 72 76	221
WAC Championship	16	77 78 75	230

Meet The Bearkats

Jennifer Herbst

Sophomore 5-foot-7

Perth, Australia (Kingsway Christian)

Season Highlights

CURRENT GOLFSTAT RANK - 87

- **Western Athletic Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference**
- Won third collegiate event at the Maryb S. Kauth Invitational taking the title by five strokes.
- Played 14 of 30 rounds this season at par or better.
- Twice shot a school record round of 65.
- Current scoring average is the lowest season in school history.
- Top 10 finish in seven out of 10 tournaments this season including five top 3s.



Career Stats

Season	Rounds	Average	Low Rd	Top Finish
2019-20	9	75.78	73	6th
2020-21	18	73.61	70	1st (2 times)
2021-22	30	71.87	65	1st
Career Totals	57	73.04	65*	1st (3 times)

* School Record

2021-22 Results

Tournament	Place	Rd Scores	Total
USA Intercollegiate	2	69 68 66	203
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invit	T 15	73 77 74	224
Huntsville Toyota Bearkat Inv	2	72 70 69	211
Dale MacNamara Invitational	T 10	70 73 74	217
Palmetto Intercollegiate	T 19	71 74 74	219
Texas State Invitational	3	75 75 65	215
The Gold Rush	7	75 74 73	222
UNF Collegiate	T 7	71 73 71	215
Maryb S. Kauth Invitational	1	65 71 77	213
WAC Championship	T 3	77 72 68	217

Meet The Bearkats

Zulaikah Nasser

Sophomore

5-foot -1

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Season Highlights

CURRENT GOLFSTAT RANK - 148

- **1st Team All-WAC**
- Finished in a tie for 13th at the Western Athletic Championships
- Opened the season with a then school record round of 66 at the USA Intercollegiate hosted by South Alabama.
- Won first career tournament at the season opening event at South Alabama shooting three rounds in the 60s for a school record tying total of 201.
- Second career tournament win was the Palmetto Intercollegiate with three rounds under par.



Career Stats

Season	Rounds	Average	Low Rd	Top Finish
2019-20	21	76.67	72	T-12
2020-21	15	74.73	70	T-3
2021-22	30	72.87	66	1st (2 times)
Career Totals	66	74.49	66	1st (2 times)

2021-22 Results

Tournament	Place	Rd Scores	Total
USA Intercollegiate	1	68 66 67	201
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invit	T 19	70 78 77	225
Huntsville Toyota Bearkat Inv	T 3	68 71 75	214
Dale MacNamara Invitational	T 21	75 75 71	221
Palmetto Intercollegiate	1	68 68 70	206
Texas State Invitational	T 22	79 73 76	228
The Gold Rush	T 16	79 73 75	227
UNF Collegiate	T 11	71 74 73	218
Maryb S. Kauth Invitational	2	70 73 75	218
WAC Championship	T 13	72 79 77	228

Meet The Bearkats

Viera Permata Rosada

Sophomore

5-foot-1

Jakarta, Indonesia

Season Highlights

- Finished in a tie for 30th at the Western Athletic Championship
- Best finish of the season was 9th at the Bearkat Invitational.
- Season low round of 71 came in the second round of the Bearkat Invitational
- Shot par or better 1 time this season



Career Stats

Season	Rounds	Average	Low Rd	Top Finish
2019-20	21	74.62	69	1st
2020-21	24	75.67	70	5th
2021-22	30	77.53	71	9th
Career Totals	75	76.12	69	1st

2021-22 Results

Tournament	Place	Rd Scores	Total
USA Intercollegiate	T 53	75 74 75	224
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invit	43	79 77 80	236
Huntsville Toyota Bearkat Inv	T 9	75 71 73	219
Dale MacNamara Invitational	T 47	80 76 74	230
Palmetto Intercollegiate	T 59	74 79 78	231
The Gold Rush	T 62	84 88 77	249
UNF Collegiate	T 49	74 78 77	229
HBU Husky Invitational	T 29	76 82 79	237
Maryb S. Kauth Invitational	T 31	76 79 79	234
WAC Championship	T 30	79 80 78	237

Meet The Bearkats

Anna Takahashi

Sophomore 5-foot-5

Grapevine, Texas (Grapevine High School)

Season Highlights

- Finished 9th at the Western Athletic Conference Championship
- Recorded three top 10 finishes this season.
- Best finish was 3rd at the Sunflower Invitational hosted by K-State
- Shot a career best round of 67 at the season opening USA Intercollegiate.
- Shot par or better 5 times in 30 rounds.



Career Stats

Season	Rounds	Average	Low Rd	Top Finish
2019-20	9	77.44	74	18th
2020-21	15	76.27	69	1st
2021-22	30	76.37	67	T 3rd
Career Totals	54	76.52	67	1st

2021-22 Results

Tournament	Place	Rd Scores	Total
USA Intercollegiate	6	73 67 70	210
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invit	T 3	76 72 72	220
Huntsville Toyota Bearkat Inv	T 14	72 73 76	221
Dale MacNamara Invitational	T 39	76 80 71	227
Palmetto Intercollegiate	T 32	74 74 75	223
Texas State Invitational	T 50	82 78 80	240
The Gold Rush	T 64	83 87 80	250
UNF Collegiate	T 75	81 77 78	236
Maryb S. Kauth Invitational	41	78 82 78	238
WAC Championship	T 9	75 73 78	226

Meet The Bearkats

Cari Denson

Freshman

5-foot-2

Hankamer, Texas

Season Highlights

- Competed in three tournaments this season
- Made collegiate debut at home in the Bearkat Invitational
- Best finish was 38th at HBU Husky Invitational



Career Stats

Season	Rounds	Average	Low Rd	Top Finish
2021-22	9	79.44	76	38th
Career Totals	9	79.44	76	38th

2021-22 Results

Tournament	Place	Rd Scores	Total
Huntsville Toyota Bearkat Inv	T 47	78 80 80	238
Texas State Invitational	T 46	76 83 79	238
HBU Husky Invitational	T 38	81 77 81	239

Meet The Bearkats

Audrey Haddad

Graduate Senior

5-foot-5

Geneva, Switzerland

Season Highlights

- Grad Transfer from UTEP
- Best finish was 15th at the season opening USA Intercollegiate
- Shot low round of 71 at South Alabama
- Shot par or better two times this season



Career Stats

Season	Rounds	Average	Low Rd	Top Finish
2021-22	15	76.87	71	T - 15th
SHSU Career	15	76.87	71	T - 15th

2021-22 Results

Tournament	Place	Rd Scores	Total
USA Intercollegiate	T 15	72 73 71	216
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invit	T 44	80 79 78	237
Huntsville Toyota Bearkat Inv	T 33	77 78 74	229
Dale MacNamara Invitational	T 53	79 74 79	232
Maryb S. Kauth Invitational	T 42	79 80 80	239
